



# Wildlife Plan (Grassland CRP CP-87/CP-88)

## Iowa Job Sheet

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

\*Only applicable to participants who gained 10 ranking points for Factor F5c

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### Requirements for a wildlife grazing plan to gain 10 points for ranking factor F5c

- » 10 percent of the CRP pasture acres must be excluded from grazing from May 15 - August 1. Pollinator habitat (CP-42) acres may count toward the 10 percent. The 10 percent excluded acres may only be grazed from August 2 - September 15, and 8" minimum heights must be maintained.
- » Grassland wildlife habitat conditions must be evaluated using the Iowa Wildlife Working Lands Habitat Evaluation. A minimum score of 0.5 is required for the planned condition.

### Requirements for a wildlife haying plan to gain 10 points for ranking factor F5c

- » At least 1/3 of each field or contiguous fields will remain unharvested. Unharvested grass may be configured in blocks or in strips at least 100' wide. Unharvested portions should be rotated throughout the field from year to year.
- » Haying operations on the remaining 2/3 are limited to one cutting between August 2 - September 15.
- » Grassland wildlife habitat conditions must be evaluated using the Iowa Wildlife Working Lands Habitat Evaluation. A minimum score of 0.5 is required for the planned condition.
- » Harvest activities will be conducted during daylight hours.
- » Choose one harvest option below:
  - » Utilize a flush bar on the mower to move wildlife out of the mowing path.
  - » Utilize a harvest pattern that will either:
    - » begin on one end of the field and work back and forth across the field, or
    - » begin in the center of the field and work outward.
- » Hayland acres may not be grazed.



### Certification Checklist

#### Grazing

- ☐ Map showing location of 10% grazing exclusion area.
- ☐ Copy of pre- and post-management Iowa Wildlife Working Lands Habitat Evaluations.
- ☐ Written grazing management records that include dates in and out, along with vegetation heights in exclusion area.
- ☐ Dated photo of exclusion area after grazing.
- ☐ Completion of grazing management plan, to include grazing schedule and stocking rate.

#### Forage Harvest

- ☐ A schedule of when haying activities occurred, documenting that haying activities were deferred on a minimum of 1/3 of each field or contiguous fields.
- ☐ Map showing where deferred haying occurred.
- ☐ Copy of pre- and post-management Iowa Wildlife Working Lands Habitat Evaluations.
- ☐ Photo of either the Flush bar attachment or harvest pattern.

### Certification of Wildlife Plan Completion:

Signature of Producer

Date

Fields

Acres or Number